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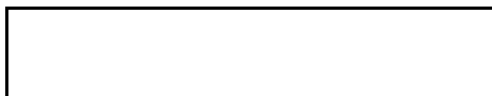
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Britain-EEC-US: [Another press story circulating in Europe is likely to strengthen suspicions of US and British trade and tariff policies in some parts of the EEC.]

[The British, according to this report, have been sounding Washington out on an early tariff-cutting agreement between the US and the British-led European Free Trade Association. The tariff reductions would not necessarily be extended to other countries--or the EEC--unless they reciprocated.]

[This story has been published by a highly regarded, independent European information service specializing on Common Market affairs, and may carry more weight than other European press reports hostile to US trade policies, [redacted]]

[A right-wing Brussels newspaper which has previously supported De Gaulle's views has already picked up this story, commenting that such an arrangement must be opposed because it would "dilute the EEC into a large free-trade zone under Anglo-Saxon domination." [redacted]]

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Bolivia: President Paz Estenssoro is prepared to use force to counter an attempt by leftists to gain control of the national peasants organization during its congress scheduled for 9-12 March.

The US army attaché at La Paz reports that Paz and his colleagues believe that one faction of Paz's opposition in the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement (MNR) is planning such a move as a step toward gaining the MNR presidential nomination in 1964 for leftist vice president Juan Lechin.

President Paz may use any outbreak of violence during the congress as a pretext for declaring a state of siege and using the armed forces to control the peasants organization. His aim would be to cripple his opposition in the MNR, and prepare the way for his own re-election next year.

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CPR-Afghan Border: Communist China and Afghanistan will probably sign a border agreement soon. No difficulties are anticipated in forthcoming negotiations since the boundary alignment shown on recent maps published by both sides follows the watershed. The Chinese are probably anxious to conclude another frontier accord in order to support their contention that New Delhi is the intransigent party in the Sino-Indian border deadlock.

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France: The government is concerned that the current strikes and the death sentences imposed on those convicted of involvement in the August 1962 assassination attempt on De Gaulle may prompt new terrorist activities by the Secret Army Organization (OAS).

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